Statement

Name of States which suffered power shortage during April, 90 July, 90

Haryana
Jammu & Kashmir
Punjab incl. NFF
Rajasthan
Uttar Pradesh
Gujarat
Madhya Pradesh
Maharashtra
Andhra Pradesh
Karnataka
Tamil Nadu
Bihar
Orissa
West Bengal incl. Sikkim
Assam
Manipur
Tripura
Mizoram
Arunachal Pradesh
Nagaland

Apex body for Small Scale Industry's modernisation

861. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an apax body for the modernisation of small scale industry has been suggested to encourage rural industries; and

(b) whether the existing infrastructure including the KVIC set up have been found wanting and deficient and if so, whether the existing units will be revamped and restructured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) Yes, Sir. An Apex Technology Development Centre for Modernisation and Upgradation of Technology in Small Scale Industries has been suggested in Policy Measures for promotion of small scale and agro-based industries by the Government. Under the umbrella of Apex Technoloy Development Centre, a number of Technology Centres, Tool Rooms, Process-cum-Product Development Centres and Testing Centres will be set up.

(b) The objective is to strengthen the existing infrastructure engaged in technology upgradation and modernisation in view of the increased emphasis on the small and rural industries. This will result in better coordination among different agencies by bringing them under one umbrella. The Apex Body will help the existing agencies in modernisation and upgradation of technology.

Wet lease of aircraft by Vayudoot

862. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the lease of aircraft by Vayudoot for internal use in competition with Indian Airlines which is running in losses as reported in the 'Sunday Mail' of the 3rd June, 1990;

(b) whether the payment is to be made in hard currency and if so, what are the details of payment in foreign exchange made so far and earnings made in local currency;

(c) whether it is Government's policy to go for more foreign loans to run air services in the country and if so, what budget provision has been made for the year 1990-91 in this connection; and

(d) whether any alternative arrangements have been made by Government after the grounding of A-320 airbus?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and

(b) To meet the sudden drop in aircraft capacity consequent upon the suspension of A-320 operations of Indian Airlines, Government had permitted Vayudoot to get aircraft on wet lease against rupee payment and deploy them on certain sectors in the interest of travelling public.

(c) It is the policy of Government to run the air services mainly through the generations of internal resources and also through budgetary support. Rs. 5.74 crores has been provided for the civil aviation sector during 1990-91.

(d) The following steps have been taken to meet the situation arising out of the grounding of A-320 fleet of Indian Airlines:—

(a) Fuller utilisation of the rest of the fleet leading to a distinct improvement in the overall load factor of the system as a whole.

(ii) Leasing in of additional capacity from Air India.

(iii) Tighter control over capital and revenue expenditures.

(iv) Efforts are also on to lease in capacity from other airlines/leasing companies.

Upgrading the Jaipur Airport to International Standards

863 SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on account of bad weather a number of flights from Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi are being diverted to Calcutta, Bombay and Madras International Airports which are far away from the capital and cause a lot of inconvenience to the passengers;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision to upgrade the Jaipur airport as an alternative international airport for diverting emergent flights from Delhi because of its being nearer to the capital;

(c) whether the International Airport Authority of India in its recent survey has also identified Jaipur Airport for upgradation as an International Airport, if so, what are the details of recommendations of the Authority; and

(d) by when the Central Government would take a decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) As per air navigation plan Bombay, Calcutta, Karachi, Amritsar, Lahore and Ahmedabad have been designated as alternate airports for diverted international flights scheduled for Delhi.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. Do not arise.

DESU Lax on Bills

864. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the 'Hidustan Times' of the 5th July, 1990 captioned "DESU Lax on Bills", if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether any study on the working of DESU was recently undertaken by some Central Department; if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(c) what remedial steps Government have taken so far with a view to bring about some improvement in the incorrect and late billing system of DESU in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) According to the DESU, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances had conducted a study on the simplification of procedures for billing and